

ANNOUNCING

Highways 1/17 **Merge Lanes Project**



PROJECT LOCATION: Hwy 1 from La Fonda Avenue to west of Emeline Avenue, and Hwy 17 from the Hwy 1/17 interchange to Pasatiempo.



PROJECT PURPOSE AND COST: Improve safety and traffic flow through the Hwy 1/17 interchange area. Estimated cost of construction is \$42 million.



CONSTRUCTION: Scheduled to begin with tree removal work in February. Scheduled for completion in Spring 2009.



TRAFFIC FLOW: Two lanes of traffic in each direction will be open during commute hours. City police will assist with traffic control and detours.



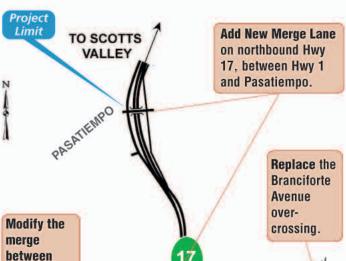
ALTERNATIVES: Motorists are encouraged to consider alternatives to driving alone such as car or vanpooling, bicycling or riding transit. More information is available online at www.CommuteSolutions.org or by calling 831-429-POOL (7665).











PROJECT-WIDE IMPROVEMENTS

- **Build 9 retaining walls**
- **Construct 12 sound walls**
- Realign ramps
- Construct concrete median barrier on Hwy 1
- Implement an extensive re-landscaping plan for removed vegetation
- Improve the drainage system
- Improve fish and wildlife habitat in creek areas

BRANCHOPTE CREEK CARBONERA CREEK

Add New Merge Lane on northbound Hwy 1 between Morrissey Boulevard on-ramp and Hwy 17.

Project Limit WATSONVILLE

SANTA CRUZ

Replace the **Emeline Avenue** under-crossing.

southbound Hwy 17 and

Hwy 1 to

maintain

separate lanes.

TO

Reconstruct the Market Street under-crossing and the **Branciforte and Carbonera** Creek bridges.

Add New Merge Lane on southbound Hwy 1, between Hwy 17 and La Fonda Avenue.

PROJECT UPDATES: Please call 888-836-0866, or visit the Caltrans web page at

http://hwy1-17.caltrans.ca.gov

To receive updates regarding this project's progress, email a request to info-d5@dot.ca.gov.